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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 1, lines 6-11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of ~~an pending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 10/331,802 filed April 7, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,670,190, which ~~claims priority to~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/680,701 filed October 6, 2000, now abandoned, which in turn claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/157,964, filed on October 6, 1999.--